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Applicants' election of Group I, and the species election is acknowledged ("X" is enkephalin, and "Z" is Lys-Lys-Lys-Lys-Lys). However, this election is not fully responsive to the Office action mailed 6/14/00. As stated in that Office action, the specie is a specific compound. In the case of claim 1, defining "X" and "Z" does not give rise to a fully defined molecule. Sufficient information must be provided so that every atom in the molecule is accounted for. This includes, but is not limited to, the point of attachment between "X" and "Z". For example, is "Z" covalently bonded to "X" at the C-terminus, or is "Z" covalently bonded to "X" at the N-terminus...? Is there an intervening sequence (or other linking moiety) between "X" and "Z"...? In addition, claim 1 recites that the conjugate "comprises" "X" and "Z". What other substituents or groups are present? As is evident in claim 4, there can be more than one "Z" present in the molecule. Thus, the question arises, what is the total number of "Z" moieties in the molecule, and what is the total number of "X" moieties in the molecule...? The specie must be a **fully defined molecule**. It is not sufficient to merely define "X" and "Y". In addition, a new statement as to the claims readable on the (newly defined) specie is required. The time for response is reset pursuant to this Office action. Failure to elect a **fully defined molecule**

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